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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For:  STRUCTURE OF A PROSTHESIS INTENDED TO BE IMPLANTED
IN A HUMAN OR ANIMAL PASSAGE AND PROSTHESIS WITH
SUCH A STRUCTURE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. A discussion of these references is provided in the background section of the application.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent

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Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.



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